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1. The reply filed on February 28, 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): There was no response to the objection to the specification (for referring to specific claims) in the first paragraph of the last office action by amending the specification or arguing the objection. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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